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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL
SESSION (XCSS)

1. DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL' S CALL ON
AMBASSADOR PAUL JOLLES, CHAIRMAN OECD EXECUTIVE COMMIT-
TEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS), MAY 25, JOLLES REFERRED
TO SUGGESTION MADE DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON
THAT HE TAKE SOUNDINGS ON PROSPECTS FOR INCLUDING
AGRICULTURAL STUDIES IN WORK PROGRAM OF XCSS. IN BRIEF,
RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS IN PARIS, BRUSSELS AND DURING EFTA
MINISTERIAL MEETING WERE NOT ENCOURAGING.

2. JOLLES SAW SOME FRENCH OFFICIALS DURING TRIP TO
PARIS MAY 17-18, BUT COULD NOT SPEAK TO BRUNET, CHIEF
OF ECONOMICS DIVISION IN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO
IS OUT OF COUNTRY. HE RAISED PROSPECT OF STUDIES OF
BASIC AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS, WHICH MUST BE DONE IN ANY
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EVENT, AND SUGGESTED THEY COULD BE DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICING ULTIMATE FRENCH POSITION. JOLLES SAYS FRENCH OFFICIAL WHOM HE CONTACTED SAW MERIT IN STUDIES BUT COULD MAKE NO DEFINITIVE REPLY IN BRUNET' S ABSENCE.

3. JOLLES ALSO SPOKE TO OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP AND FOUND HIM SKEPTICAL EXCEPT FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AN " AGRICULTURAL CODE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR" OUT OF MISCELLANEOUS WORK IN OECD AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE. VAN LENNEP DID NOT ENCOURAGE JOLLES TO DEVELOP HIS IDEAS ON STUDIES THAT MIGHT USEFULLY BE UNDERTAKEN, AND INDICATED THAT HE WILL MAKE SOUNDINGS OF HIS OWN.

4. MORE IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN BRUSSELS MAY 21. JOLLES FOUND SOAMES AND WELLENSTEIN " COMPLETELY NEGATIVE ," IN FACT EVEN MORE OPPOSED THAN PREVIOUSLY. JOLLES THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A TRANSITORY ATTITUDE AS SOAMES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT UPSET FRENCH AND PROVOKE NEW FIGHT OVER SUBSTANCE OF EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO AVOID RISK OF GIVING FRENCH ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS TO USE (1) AGAINST PUTTING AGRICULTURE IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, OR (2) AS BASIS FOR URGING REINFORCED DISCIPLINE TO PROTECT CAP. (IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH ECONCOUNS, JOLLES SPECULATED THAT CURRENT HARD FRENCH ATTITUDE, AS REFLECTED THROUGH BRUSSELS, MIGHT BE TACTICAL POSITION FOR NEXT WEEK' S NIXON- POMPIDOU MEETING.)

5. JOLLES SAID THAT HE WILL HAVE NO FURTHER OCCASION TO TAKE SOUNDINGS UNTIL DINNER HE PROPOSES TO HOLD JUNE 4, BEFORE NEXT XCSS MEETING. HE IS INVITING UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AND AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND HAS RECEIVED ACCEPTANCES FROM BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND JAPANESE DELEGATES, VAN LENNEP, AND OKRENT. TRYING FOR DUTCH AND FRENCH DELEGATES.

6. ABOVE NOT CLEARED WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
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